





ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF MILLBURY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1877.



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TOWN OFFICERS, 1876—77.

SELECTMEN,

RUFUS CARTER,

I. B. SAYLES.

JOHN MARTIN,

TOWN CLERK,

IRA N. GODDARD.

TREASURER,

DAVID ATWOOD.

ASSESSORS,

HORACE ARMSBY,

H. L. BANCROFT,

HERVEY PARK.

COLLECTOR.

RUFUS CARTER.

OVERSEERS OF POOR,

WARREN A. HARRIS,

ROBERT JONES,

R. B. LOVELL.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

JOHN HOPKINS, Term expires 1877.

T. R. HARRINGTON, " 1877.

G. C. WEBBER, " 1877.

THOS. WHEELLOCK, " 1878.

E. M. HOLMAN, " 1878.

H. L. BANCROFT, " 1879.

TRUSTEES OF TOWN LIBRARY,

AMOS ARMSBY, Term expires 1877.

JOHN HOPKINS, " 1878.

I. B. SAYLES, " 1879.

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERY.

B. B. HOWARD, Term expires 1877.

D. ATWOOD, " 1878.

N. H. SEARS, " 1879.

CONSTABLES.

WILLIAM RYAN,

A. B. SLOCUM.

CHAS. H. SMITH,

EDWIN SHERMAN,

RODNEY N. HOLMAN,

THOMAS BROWN.

Selectmen's Report.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Millbury :

Your Selectmen respectfully present the following Report of the Financial Condition of the Town for the year ending February 28th, 1877 :

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Orders to H. Parks, conveying children to school,	165 00
Benjamin Flagg, hay scales,	325 00
L. G. Pierce, bill supplies,	6 00
Tyler & Seagrave, printing town reports,	211 96
J. A. Barton, supplies for town hall,	12 71
R. Carter, stone bounds,	20 00
J. Sullivan, building fence near H. Crane's,	47 07
L. G. Pierce, bill supplies,	15 55
H. L. Bancroft, enumerating school children,	30 00
Dr. Lincoln, medical services, cases small pox,	51 00
C. T. Pratt, meals furnished at fire,	
Lapham's mill,	27 35
H. L. Bancroft, services as Assessor,	150 00
Tyler Waters, straightening road,	130 00
A. H. Batchellor, repairs at town hall,,	8 70
Sanford & Co., assessors books,	5 00
C. H. Smith, work on town hall,	29 71
L. G. Pierce, bill repairs on town hall,	15 15
G. N. Smith, gravel for sidewalks,	19 50
N. H. Greenwood, bill for light near half-way house,	13 05
William Ryan, serving warrants,	20 00
H. Armsby, services as assessor,	100 00
J. Hopkins, case Stratton vs. Town,	358 33
S. Sawyer, iron for lantern at town hall,	2 50
T. Wheelock, printing for schools,	35 14
J. W. Pope, gravel pit,	100 00
W. W. Rice, legal services, Stratton case,	75 00
R. Carter, printing, and bill stone monuments,	57 65

Orders to I. N. Goddard, bill registering,	10 25
A. Richardson, bill for fence,	3 20
R. Booth, damage to carriage on highway,	17 10
T. R. Harrington, supplies for schools,	14 90
I. N. Goddard, printing voting lists,	15 13
Dunton & Winter, supplies for schools,	22 43
Wm. Ryan, posting warrants, etc.,	16 60
S. R. Parker & Son, repairing drills,	1 43
W. R. Cunningham, supplies for schools,	7 20
J. Hopkins, services on school committee,	50 00
“ “ bill legal services,	53 98
E. M. Holman, services on school committee,	35 00
G. C. Webber, services on school committee,	65 00
Dunton & Winter, supplies for schools,	7 80
M. D. Garfield, surveys by order of town,	161 20
I. N. Goddard, recording births, marriages, and deaths,	109 71
D. Atwood, services as town treasurer,	125 00
H. A. Aiken, school reports,	8 00
H. L. Bancroft, copying valuation,	12 00
“ “ services as school committee,	75 00
Geo. Sweetser, witness fees,	3 90
B. F. Foshay, coal,	90
R. Carter, services as collector,	250 00
“ “ selectman,	100 00
J. Martin, “ “	100 00
I. B. Sayles, “ “	100 00
“ “ printing, blanks, etc.,	8 44
T. Wheelock, services on school committee,	100 00
A. W. Lincoln & Co., supplies for schools,	5 80
D. Atwood, check book,	5 75
T. R. Harrington, services as school com.,	50 00
Hervey Parks, services as assessor,	100 00
Rhodes & Simpson, rent of selectmens and and library room,	175 00
A. H. Bachellor, furnishing armory,	72 97
D. Atwood, postage and bill, L. Prang & Co.	4 70
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	\$3919 76

ARMORY RENT.

Orders to H. A. Aiken for rent of hall and officers room,	\$272 00
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SCHOOL BOOKS.

Orders to I. N. Goddard for school books,	649 12
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SCHOOLS.

Orders to school committee for schools, appropriated,	7000 00
“ “ “ “ State allowance,	298 04
“ “ “ repairs,	300 00

 \$7598 04

HIGHWAYS.

Orders given for repairs on roads,	2409 39
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BRIDGES.

Orders given for repairs on Bridges,	417 25
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SUPPORT OF POOR.

Orders to Overseers of Poor,	3870 83
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Orders to Engineers,	1507 68
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INTEREST.

Orders to D. Atwood, interest to Savings Bank,	1456 00
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MEMORIAL DAY.

Orders to the committee,	125 00
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CEMETERIES.

Orders to the committee,	500 00
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SOLDIERS GRAVES.

Orders to cemetery committee for headstones,	400 00
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LIBRARY.

Orders to Trustees, (dog tax,)	443 29
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STATE AID.

Orders given to D. Atwood, treasurer, for State Aid,	628 00
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NOTES PAID.

Orders to D. Atwood, Treas. to pay notes at Millbury National Bank,	10,000 00
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BREAKING OUT ROADS.

Orders given to Surveyors for breaking roads in 1876,	86 90
“ “ “ “ 1877,	265 56

 \$352 46

TAXES PAID.

Order to D. Atwood for State tax,	4148 42
“ R. Carter for County tax,	1782 47

\$5930 89

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Orders to R. Carter, collector,	272 45
“ Cordis Co.	150 00

\$422 45

SPRING FRESHETS.

Orders to J. Heyward, labor on highways,	370 31
“ G. N. Smith, “ “	225 29
“ N. H. Greenwood, “	81 83
“ W. A. Harris, “	276 37

\$953 80

LIGHTING STREET LAMPS.

Orders to J. N. Wheeler, lighting, filling, and cleaning,	73 74
“ Dunton & Winter, oils,	72 15
“ I. M. Lincoln, chimneys,	7 47

\$153 36

IMPROVEMENT HIGH SCHOOL GROUNDS.

Orders given :

For grading grounds and work upon same,	937 53
Burt & Wheeler for stone,	355 75
J. J. Leary, cap stone,	246 20
Cement,	11 20
A. Cole, for laying wall,	204 83
Sundry small bills,	60 08
H. C. Fish & Co. bill for iron fence,	536 25
Stone posts for same,	16 00
J. L. Pendar, wood fence,	39 38
G. E. Fisher's bill for asphalt walk,	207 51
J. L. Pendar, bill for walk,	7 38

\$2622 11

LOCKUP.

Orders given :

Mr. Babcock for moving same,	300 00
Brick, repairs, fittings, etc.,	88 44
Lime, painting, etc.,	29 08
Paid workmen,	185 83

\$603 35

RECAPITULATION.

Miscellaneous expenses,	\$3919 76
Armory rent,	272 00
School books,	649 12
Schools,	7598 04
Highways,	2409 39
Bridges,	417 25
Support of Poor,	3870 83
Fire Department,	1507 68
Interest,	1456 00
Memorial Day,	125 00
Cemeteries,	500 00
Soldiers graves,	400 00
Library,	443 29
State aid,	628 00
Notes paid,	10000 00
Breaking out roads,	352 46
Taxes paid,	5930 89
Abatement of taxes,	422 45
Spring freshets,	953 80
Lighting street lamps,	153 36
Improvement high school grounds,	2622 11
Lockup,	603 35
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	\$45,234 78

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Notes to Millbury Savings Bank,	20,000 00
Outstanding orders,	146 00
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	\$20,146 00

AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

Unpaid taxes against F. G. Davis,	18 25
“ “ “ G. F. Hubbard,	82 90
“ “ “ C. W. Vinson,	11 60
School books in hands of Agents,	500 00
Due from State for State aid to Feb. 28, 1877,	995 00
Cash in treasury,	1564 03
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	\$3171 78

UNAVAILABLE PROPERTY.

Seven School Houses,	35.000 00
High School building and furniture,	6000 00
Cemetery lots and land,	1500 00
Town farm,	5000 00

Personal property on farm,	2424 05
Gravel lots,	400 00
Three Engine houses,	700 00
Hearse house,	400 00
Hearse and harness,	800 00
Land near Town house,	900 00
Lockup,	800 00
Fire Engines, hose carriage and hose,	1500 00
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	\$55,424 05

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Liabilities,	\$20146 00
Available resources deducted,	3171 78
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	\$16974 22
Town debt March 1, 1877,	\$16974 22
“ “ March 1, 1876.	13384 09
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	\$3590 13 increase.

We would call your attention to the frequent practice of voting the payment of bills and claims against the town without any appropriation therefor. This method is a poor one and ought to be restricted as far as possible. Bills and claims of this character have been larger the past year than usual, but we have endeavored to execute your orders in as economical a manner as exigencies would allow.

Without presuming to dictate as having greater knowledge in regard to the appropriations necessary for the different departments the coming year, yet we respectfully suggest, that in our opinion there are none of them, *except Overseers of the Poor*, but that may discharge their respective duties well, upon even less sums than were appropriated in March, 1876.

All which is respectfully submitted.

RUFUS CARTER,	} Selectmen of Millbury.
JOHN MARTIN,	
IRVING B. SAYLES,	

TREASURER'S REPORT,

For the Year ending March 1st, 1877.

Dr.

To Cash in treasury as per last report,	\$4557 91
received of R. Carter on tax bill of 1875,	17 65
“ for auctioneer's license,	2 00
borrowed of Millbury National Bank,	10,000 00
received of City of Fitchburg,	15 50
“ for rent of Town hall to May 1st,	52 00
“ of State Tr. on acct. of State paupers,	84 86
“ for license to sell Fireworks.	6 00
“ of School Com. for school books,	61 80
“ for auctioneer's license,	2 00
“ for two Cemetery lots (Sayles)	38 00
“ of City of Springfield for help rendered to John Fagan by Ov. of Poor,	8 00
“ for two Cemetery lots, Eddy & Briggs,	37 50
“ of State Treas. corporation tax,	237 15
“ “ Nat. Bank tax,	174 25
“ “ State Aid refunded,	1026 00
“ “ bal. corporation tax,	20 00
“ for half cask lime sold,	1 25
“ county treas., dog tax refunded,	366 22
“ State treas., School Fund,	298 04
“ School Com., drawing materials sold,	12 56
“ Ira Glazier for school books,	44 56
“ I. N. Goddard “	269 08
“ E. Dudley, “	54 93
“ A. B. Lovell “	99 90
“ for rent of Town hall,	32 80
“ from Trustees of town library for room rent refunded,	75 00
“ School Com., drawing materials sold,	1 05
“ Livermore & Streeter for sand,	3 50
“ six liquor licenses,	\$480
less 25 pr.ct. paid state,	120—360 00
“ of R. Carter, tax bill 1876,	28,647 96
“ “ inst. on overdue taxes	183 28
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	\$46,790 75

Cr.

By Orders of Selectmen paid,	45,088 78
Discount paid Millbury Nat'l Bank,	137 94
cash in treasury,	1564 03—46,790 75

List of Jurors

Selected by the Selectmen for the acceptance of the Town,
March 1, 1878.

Aiken H. A.	Greenwood N. H.	Pope J. W.
Aiken B. F.	Holman E. M.	Parker S. R.
Barker C. W.	Hull S. E.	Powers D. A.
Barton J. B.	Hayward J. C.	Rhodes John
Broadbent John	Howe Wm	Sweetser H. W.
Bancroft H. L.	Harris W. A.	Sheehan Wm.
Browning C. L.	Harrington T. J.	Simmons H. N.
Carter Rufus	Hathaway C. B.	Simpson Peter, jr
Cunningham R. C.	Morse C. D.	Sullivan Jeremiah
Crane R. R.	McCracken G. W.	Small S. A.
Chase G. F.	Marble Henry	Stockwell C. A.
Davidson W. G.	McIntyre B. F.	Stewart P. J.
Davis A. B.	Martin John	Tebo Charles
Flagg Benjamin	McClosky Patrick	Thompson J. C.
Flagg G. A.	Marlborough John	Waters O. H.
Farnesworth Simon	Moore C. A.	Waters Horace
Gale C. F.	Prentice D. G.	

Report of Overseers of Poor.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1877.

EXPENDITURES AT ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

Paid for flour,	\$54 00
clothing,	97 92
grain,	211 68
groceries,	170 88
meat,	139 33
labor on farm,	54 50
labor on building,	42 00
cow,	37 00
pigs,	12 00
Hubbard's bill,	16 05
lumber,	10 56
crackers,	10 05
bone,	8 72
Moulton's bill,	7 38
Lovell's bill,	6 42
wheels and run for door,	4 25
vitriol,	4 37
Holman's bill,	3 86
ten lbs. tea,	3 30
butchering,	3 00
fowls,	3 45
onions,	2 00
potatoes,	2 75
scythes,	2 50
repairing harness,	2 25
crackers,	5 88
cabbages,	2 50
planing and sawing pickets,	3 50
lime,	2 75
potash,	4 16
cash to Edwin,	5 00
barrels and hogsheads,	3 00
J. Jacobs' bill,	1 60
apple parer,	1 00
mackerel,	1 75
help in house,	1 00
beans,	1 05
well bucket,	1 00

Paid for repairing sleigh,	1 00
glass,	4 50
laths,	1 40
soldering iron,	90
repairs on wagon,	75
tin ware,	4 10
hard ware,	23 30
salt and ice,	6 20
boots and shoes,	39 45
farming tools,	5 50
milk pans,	4 00
paints and oils,	5 55
curtains,	2 97
clothes' wringer,	8 00
cotton,	4 62
paper for rooms,	96
ticking,	4 76
horse blanket,	1 00
tobacco and snuff,	11 94
fish,	17 98
cords,	1 50
kettle,	1 80
weighing hay,	1 00
blacksmith's bill,	11 50
improvement on stock,	8 00
medicines,	16 64
miscellaneous,	25 82
sawing lumber,	12 24
J. B. Locke, service one year,	400 00
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	\$1,571 79

INCOME FROM FARM.

Received for butter and milk,	\$128 48
potatoes,	32 25
calves,	37 70
cow,	60 00
straw,	11 80
hay,	81 53
fowls,	21 69
labor,	14 60
eggs,	24 03
wood,	10 14
dinners,	9 50
apples,	40
lumber,	12 65
hide,	3 90 — \$448 67

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

1 yoke oxen,	\$160 00
6 cows,	330 00
1 heifer,	20 00
1 horse,	200 00
4 shoats,	44 00
65 fowls,	52 00
1 harness,	30 00
7½ tons English hay,	165 00
1½ tons meadow hay,	12 00
¼ ton rye straw,	5 00
1 ton corn fodder,	10 00
3 bushels rye,	3 00
2 bushels beans,	3 50
1 sleigh,	15 00
Winnowing mill and corn sheller,	12 00
Grain cradle and balances,	5 00
4 hoes, 1.00, 3 forks, 2.00, shovels, 1.50,	5 50
2 bars and picks, 3.00, 4 draft chains, 7.00,	10 00
2 potato diggers,	2 00
Seed corn,	2 00
Soddering iron,	90
5 stake chains,	1 25
1 lead harness,	2 00
Pitch-forks, 2 ladders, 6 rakes,	8 00
5 yokes,	6 00
Chest of tools,	14 00
Cultivator,	10 00
Horse-rake,	30 00
Lumber wagon,	70 00
2 ox sleds,	18 00
1 horse sled,	10 00
Mowing machine,	32 00
6 drills and hammer,	3 50
4 scythe snaths and scythes,	3 00
1 ox wagon,	25 00
1 ox cart,	35 00
1 buggy,	25 00
2 harrows,	5 00
1 bush scythe and snath,	1 00
1 set measures,	65
6 axes 3.00, 1 hay knife 75,	3 75
Plows,	12 00
1000 chestnut shingles,	3 75
1500 ft. lumber in the log,	20 00
10 cords market wood,	35 00—\$1,460 80

PROVISIONS.

7 barrels apples,	7 00
60 bushels potatoes,	60 00
18 bushels small potatoes,	9 00
100 gallons cider,	10 00
250 gallons vinegar,	37 50
550 lbs. pork,	68 00
1 barrel salt pickles,	5 00
Turnips and carrots,	3 00
60 lbs. butter,	25 00
45 lbs. pie meat,	7 00
150 lbs. salt beef,	15 00
25 lbs. sausage meat,	4 00
400 lbs. hams and shoulders	50 00
6 gallons pickles,	1 50
$\frac{3}{4}$ barrel of flour,	6 00
Tea and coffee,	2 00
Sugar and molasses,	1 00
5 dozen eggs,	1 75
Nutmegs and washing fluid,	1 00
Hard and soft soap,	10 00
Rye meal,	1 50
100 lbs. lard,	15 00
30 lbs. dried apples,	3 00
100 lbs. fresh meat	10 00 — \$353 25

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

12 feather beds,	\$120 00
Hair mattress,	15 00
7 stoves and furniture,	45 00
Extension table,	18 00
4 common tables,	8 00
3 clocks,	6 00
2 spittoons,	1 00
25 chairs and 9 rockers,	5 00
4 mirrors,	4 00
Churn,	8 00
45 milk pans,	12 00
Stone and wooden ware,	11 00
Crookery ware,	12 00
7 chest drawers,	15 00
1 syringe,	1 50
1 table cover,	2 00
9 vinegar and cider casks,	9 00
6 meat tubs,	6 00
3 tin milk pails,	2 50
Clothes' wringer,	8 00
Apple parer,	1 00
Improvements,	300 00 — \$610 00

SUPPORT OF POOR AWAY FROM FARM.

Peter McCune,	\$41 73
Mrs. Martin Roach,	41 25
Miss Jane Emerson,	277 79
Thomas Shahan,	10 00
Frank Porter,	19 38
Mary McCarty,	40 50
Peter Noe,	4 00
Augusta Frandue,	18 95
Joe Snow,	54 50
Mrs. Sweetland,	5 00
Oliver Tebo,	44 75
Crawford,	3 00
Fred Smith,	52 25
Noah Crossman,	35 00
Rebecca Vincent,	8 30
C. Roland,	4 10
Charles Adams,	51 50
Basset,	25 90
Richard Noe,	137 15
A. F. Adams,	4 38
Frank Beso,	72 50
Peter McCune,	28 05
Albert Benerway,	40 75
Frank Barton,	24 00
Nelson Brough,	21 50
Miss Mary Watts,	4 50
Walter Whitney,	240 75
Burial of M. James' child,	9 00
Lorenzo Pierce,	90 91
Ora Bonzey,	32 75
Ethan Allen,	30 00
Olive Hancock, (Taunton Hospital,)	198 88
Wm. A. Goodell, (Worcester Hospital,)	218 29
S. R. Bixby,	12 90
Wm. Taft,	5 00
Edward Tyrell,	33 90
Peter Mina,	1 00
Edward D. Whitney,	36 13
Peter Tebo,	15 00
P. Hammond,	6 00
Alec Tebo,	2 00
Thomas Tallon,	8 50
M. Toomey,	142 50
Thomas McCarty,	45 65
T. Lothar,	3 00
Owen Canton,	1 25
Expense of Addie White's care,	3 50
Old bills,	4 15- \$2,211 19

STATE PAUPERS.

Nelson Bean,	\$16 50
John Sullivan,	75
Mrs. Lewis Hart,	24 00
Mrs. Brothers,	10 00
Adeline Merrill,	12 00
Mrs. Mary Coaker,	8 00
John Fagin,	8 00
Henry O. Hair,	2 00
Peter Rivers,	5 50
Patrick McCarty,	8 00
James Lipert,	17 50
Thomas Kirk,	8 50
Levi O. Clare,	5 50
Cash to stranger,	2 00
H. Peckham,	4 00
R. Gassit,	4 00
Burial of Walter Murphy,	25 00
Mrs. Sniville,	3 00
A. Latmore,	8 00
Mrs. Lear,	4 00
J. Mirfin,	7 00
H. Fay's expenses to Tewksbury,	5 00 — \$188 25

SMALL POX EXPENSES.

Paid Sweetser for groceries,	\$32 12
Dunton & Winter for groceries,	38 22
J. W. Pope for meat,	14 90 — \$85 24

SERVICES AND EXPENSES OF OVERSEERS.

Paid W. A. Harris,	\$100 00
Robert Jones,	45 00
Russell Lovell,	75 00
printing blanks,	7 50
stationery and postage,	7 00 — \$234 50

TRAMP ACCOUNT.

Paid C. H. Smith from Mar., 1876 to Mar., 1877,	\$100 00
repairs on lockup,	16 33
coal for lockup,	6 70 — \$123 03

Total amount of personal property,	\$2,424 05
Value of real estate,	5,000 00

Total amount of town property,	\$7,424 05
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RECAPITULATION.

Income from farm,	\$448 67
Amount drawn from Treasury,	3,870 83
Cash by old bills from Springfield,	69 00 — \$4,388 50

Expenditures at Almshouse,	\$1,571 79	
Support of poor away from farm,	2,211 19	
State paupers,	188 25	
Tramp account,	123 03	
Small pox,	85 24	
Services and expenses of Overseers,	234 50	\$4,412 00
Less Nelson Bean's aid from Fitchburg,	\$15 50	
J. Fagin's aid from Springfield,	8 00	
paid to D. Atwood, Treasurer,		\$23 50
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		\$4,388 50

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Dr.

To inventory of March 1st, 1876,	\$2,282 10	
expended at the Alms House for the year		
ending March 1, 1877,	1,571 79	
interest on farm,	300 00	\$4,153 89

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By amount of inventory March 1, 1877,	\$2,424 05	
produce sold from farm and labor of agent,	448 67	
572 weeks' board of paupers, including		
agent and wife, at a fraction over \$ 2.23		
per week,	1,281 17	\$4,153 89

Whole number supported and relieved at Almshouse,	12
Average number,	8
Present number,	10

Respectfully submitted,

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W. A. HARRIS,	} Overseers
ROBERT JONES,	
RUSSELL B. LOVELL,	
	of
	Poor.

Report Trustees Town Library.

The Trustees charge themselves with the following sums :

Balance on hand March 1, 1876,	\$328 92
Amount received from dog tax,	443 29
Amount received from fines and catalogues,	21 28
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	\$763 49

which they have expended as follows :

For rent (for one year,)	\$100 00	
salary of Librarian (for one year,)	100 00	
incidental expenses,	17 57	
coal,	7 75	
new books and rebinding old books,	95 31	— \$320 63

Leaving unexpended balance of \$472 86
of which balance there is in the Millbury National Bank the sum of \$469.15 deposited in the name of the Trustees, and the sum of \$3.71 in the hands of the Librarian.

There have been taken out during the year ending March 1, 1877, 8340 volumes by 470 different persons, and there have been added to the library seventeen new books.

All available space for books in our library room has been used and hence the small addition to the number of volumes.

We have a lease of the room for an unexpired term of five years, and for other town purposes the adjoining room is under lease to the town for the same length of time.

It is the opinion of the Trustees that these two rooms can be so connected as to permit of their use for the library, and at the same time not interfere with the use of one of them by the town officers for other municipal business, and in such a way as to afford sufficient space for the remainder of the term for which they are leased.

We recommend the town to instruct the Selectmen and Trustees to connect the two rooms that they may be used as above suggested, provided leave can be had of the lessors.

If this alteration be authorized and made, we recommend the town to raise for the library the coming year the sum of \$300, and to appropriate that sum, and the amount that may be received from the dog tax for its care and support.

If, however, this alteration be not authorized or cannot be made, an appropriation of the amount to be received from the dog tax will be sufficient for library purposes.

AMOS ARMSBY, JOHN HOPKINS, IRVING B. SAYLES,	}	Trustees.
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Engineers' Report.

In submitting their Annual Report the engineers would state that the fire engines belonging to the town, are all in good working order.

The full complement of men to each company has been maintained during the year.

There have been three fires the past season, one of which, the burning of M. A. Lapham's mill July 29, was the most destructive, which has visited the town for many years. The fire department responded promptly, and with the assistance of the steam fire engine from Worcester the fire was confined to the property of Mr. Lapham. April 26, the cotton mill belonging to the late John G. Wood, was burned, and all the fire companies were present, but before either engine could reach the premises, the fire had made such progress that they were entirely useless. April 15, at about 7 o'clock A. M., a fire was discovered in the Armory Block at which companies, three and four, soon arrived, and with the assistance of force pumps at mills near by the fire was extinguished.

The engines all being in good order with a full supply of hose, and no extra expenditure being anticipated, we would recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

For pay of firemen, year ending May 1, 1877, 120 men at \$12,	\$1,440
Incidental expenses,	60

\$1,500

The following financial exhibit is transcribed from the Records of the Board:

1876.

May 1, Received from Town Treasurer on order from Selectmen,	\$1500 00
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1877.

Feb. 28, Received from Town Treasurer on order,	7 68
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1876.

May 1, Paid firemen Co., No. 4, 45 men, \$10,	\$450 00	
tax payers, No. 4, poll tax refunded,	70 00	
bill of Samuel Sawyer, steward Co.,		
No. 4,	10 47	
bill of Peter White, assistant steward		
Co., No. 4,	7 80	
bill for a belt, No. 4,	1 25	
repairs on No. 4,	3 55	
of O. Harper, horses for engine,	9 50	
6, firemen Co., No. 3, 40 men, \$10,	400 00	
tax payers, No. 3, poll tax refunded,	44 00	

May 6,	bill of P. Farons, steward Co., 3,	1 65
	P. Comisky, "	9 55
	M. Flagg, assistant, Co., 3,	8 00
	repairs on No. 3,	4 00
	firemen, Co., 5, 35 men, \$10,	342 50
	tax payers, No. 5, poll tax refunded,	44 00
	bill, M. Cunningham, steward Co., 5,	10 00
	E. A. Waters, services as Engineer,	8 00
July 29,	men on force pumps at B. C. Mills,	5 20
	J. N. Joslin, horses for Worcester engine,	5 00
	Livermore & Streeter, horses for Worcester engine,	5 00
	Livermore & Streeter, horses for engine,	2 25
	A. S. Winter, 2 dozen pails at fire,	6 50
	lunch for firemen,	17 23
Aug. 5,	packing for No. 3,	1 17
	repairing hose, No. 3,	1 50
	Wm. Thompson, buckets and straps, No. 5,	5 00
Sep. 20,	C. F. Redding, oil, wicks, &c., No. 5,	2 80
Oct. 18,	repairing hose, No. 3,	3 50
28,	packing for No. 5,	1 90
	J. L. Bonzey, repairs, No. 5,	9 00
	A. S. Winter, oil, wicks, &c., No. 3,	1 71
Dec. 3,	C. D. Morse & Co, repairs on sash, No. 4,	60
	Wm. Thompson, repairing hose, No. 4,	6 80
	J. L. Bonzey, wood for No. 5,	1 50
	W. A. Harris, horses for engine,	3 00
	wood for No. 3,	2 75
	cutting wood, No. 3,	1 00
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L. L. WHITNEY,	} Engineers.
O. Z. BARTLETT,	
S. SAWYER,	
G. N. SMITH,	
J. F. HOBBS,	

Report of Trustees of Cemeteries.

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To orders received from Selectmen,	\$900 00
cash received from old fence,	1 50
cash on hand March, 1876,	12 26
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	\$913 76

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By cash paid for labor at Central Cemetery,	\$352 70
and material for fence,	76 96
34 head stones for soldiers,	425 00
refitting one stone,	6 50
labor at Dwinnell Cemetery,	8 00
East Village Cemetery,	3 00
on hand,	38 60
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	\$913 76

Outstanding bills,	\$31 00
Cash on hand less outstanding bills,	7 60

N. H. SEARS,	} Trustees of Cemetaries.
B. B. HOWARD,	
DAVID ATWOOD,	



